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FOR AMBASSADOR GARDNER, USEUCOM FOR GENERAL HUYSER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: A/PER, MARR, CG, IT

SUBJECT: NEED FOR SOME AFRICAN EXPERTISE IN EUCOM

1. IN THE PLANNING THAT IS GOING FORWARD IN EUCOM FOR
LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR THE RETURN OF FRENCH TROOPS FROM
ZAIRE AND POSSIBLE U.S. TRANSPORT TO ZAIRE OF CONTINGENTS
OF AN AFRICAN SECURITY FORCE, WE HAVE BEEN HAMPERED BY
THE LACK OF ANY AFRICAN EXPERTISE AVAILABLE TO EUCOM.
INDEED, AT THE MOMENT THE SENIOR POLAD IS ABSENT.

2. STATE, NSC, AND DOD BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE
TO HAVE SOMEONE WITH BOTH AFRICAN AND MILITARY BACKGROUND
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TO SERVE AS A RESOURCE PERSON IN EUCOM OVER THE NEXT
WEEK. TO THAT END, WE SUGGEST THAT WALT SILVA BE
DETAILED TO STUTTGART FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS (UP TO
ONE WEEK) TO SERVE AS LIAISON WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND
WITH OUR DELEGATION TO THE PARIS TALKS NEXT WEEK.

3. ON BASIS TELEPHONE CONCURRENCE OF DCM HOLMES JUNE 2,

SILVA SHOULD BE PREPARED DEPART ON TDY ORDERS TO ARRIVE
IN STUTTGART DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY SATURDAY,
JUNE 3,PENDING ACCEPTANCE BY GENERAL HUYSER OF
DEPARTMENT'S OFFER (SEPTEL) OF SILVA'S SERVICES.

4. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM TO BE CHARGED TO AFRICAN BUREAU.
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